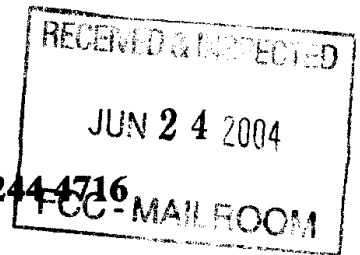


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June 18, 2004

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW Room TWB204
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: MB Docket NO 04-160

Dear Ms. Dortch,

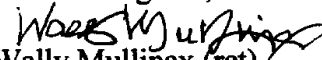
This is to inform the commission of my interest and support of this proposed ruling.

Although now retired, I devoted more than fifty years to local radio, helping to build an industry that provides information and entertainment *free of charge*. In my opinion, this *free service* is now threatened by XM radio or subscription radio. If XM Radio is permitted to provide local traffic and weather information I fear **the public will be paying for a service that will be far inferior** to what they now get *free* on local radio. XM Radio with local information will probably attract just enough attention to drive local radio to something else thereby depriving listeners -without XM Radio- of information they need..

Also, as the radio industry moves to a paid-automated service jobs will be lost.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Best Regards,


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